

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Hudak on May 12, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 1, second occurrence of [a] was deleted; after 'first' --- and second -- was inserted;

Line 2, 'drive' was changed to 'drives'; first occurrence of [a] was deleted; [receptacle] was changed to --- receptacles each having ---; after 'spindle' --- ; ---- was inserted;

Line 3, 'drive' was changed to 'drives';

Line 4, after 'stock' --- ; ---- was inserted; after 'wherein' --- : --- was inserted;

Line 5, [workpiece drive can rotate] was deleted and replaced with --- first workpiece drive rotates ---;

Line 7, [workpiece drive can swivel] was deleted and replaced with --- first workpiece drive swivels ---; after 'arranged at' --- a --- was inserted;

Line 9, [workpiece drive can turn] was deleted and replaced with --- first workpiece drive turns ---; [right angles] was replaced with --- a right angle ---;

line 11, [wherein at least...provided and] was deleted;

line 12, [has a] was deleted; [can turn] was changed to --- turns---;

line 13, [c1,] was deleted;

line 14, [both workpiece...(b1,b2)] was deleted and replaced with --- the second workpiece drive swivels about a second swivel axis (b2) ---;

line 15, [right angles] was replaced with ---a right angle---; [respective] was deleted; [c1,] was deleted.

Claim 2, line 3, [in its direction] was deleted and replaced with --- along the lifting axis (w) ---.

Claim 3, line 3, after '(w)' --- of the workpiece drives --- was inserted.

Claim 9, last line [this] was replaced with --- translatory transport axis (t1,t2) ---.

Claim 11, line 1, '8' was changed to '10'; [to the particular] was replaced with --- in a relative position along the particular drum ---;

Claim 14, line 2, [spindle is connected to a swivel motor] was replaced with --- spindles are connected to respective swivel motors ---;

Line 3, [motor is] was replaced with ---- motors are---.

Claim 18, line 2, [according to claim 2,] was deleted and --- for lenses, comprising the steps of:

utilizing a machining machine comprising: a first and a second workpiece drive each configured as a transport receptacle and each having a workpiece spindle; a workplace changer for changing work pieces between the workpiece drives and a workpiece stock; and a machining station for machining a workpiece, wherein:

- a) the first workpiece spindle of the workpiece drive rotates about an axis of rotation (c1),
- b) the first workpiece drive swivels about a first swivel axis (b1) arranged at a right angle to the axis of rotation (c1),
- c) the first workpiece drive turns about a turning axis (k) arranged at a right angle to the first swivel axis (b1),
- d) the second workpiece spindle turns about an axis of rotation (c2),

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e) the second workpiece drive swivels about a second swivel axis (b2) arranged at a right angle to the axis of rotation (c2), and

f) both workpiece drives can turn together about the turning axis (k), wherein the workpiece drives have a common translatory lifting axis (w), arranged in parallel with the turning axis (k), being mounted and driven to move along the lifting axis (w), and --- was inserted therefore;

line 3, 'tool' was changed to 'workpiece'.

Claim 19, line 1, the first "A" was changed to "The";

Line 2, "1" was changed to "18";

Line 3, the first [the] was deleted.

Claim 20, line 2, [according to claim 8,] was deleted and --- for lenses, comprising the steps of:

utilizing a machining machine comprising: a first and a second workpiece drive each configured as a transport receptacle and each having a workpiece spindle; a workpiece changer for changing work pieces between the workpiece drives and a workpiece stock; and a machining station for machining a workpiece, wherein:

a) the first workpiece spindle of the workpiece drive rotates about an axis of rotation (c1),

b) the first workpiece drive swivels about a first swivel axis (b1) arranged at a right angle to the axis of rotation (c1),

c) the first workpiece drive turns about a turning axis (k) arranged at a right angle to the first swivel axis (b1),

d) the second workpiece spindle turns about an axis of rotation (c2),

e) the second workpiece drive swivels about a second swivel axis (b2) arranged at a right angle to the axis of rotation (c2), and

f) both workpiece drives can turn together about the turning axis (k), wherein the machining station is configured as a polishing station and has at least two polishing plates, each of which are driven and guided to turn about a polishing axis (p1,

p2) and move in the direction of a translatory telescopic axis (z1, z2), arranged in parallel with the polishing axis (p1, p2), wherein the polishing plates are each coordinated with a tool changer or a common tool changer, having at least one tool magazine for polishing tools, and --- was inserted therefore;

line 4, after 'wetting;' --- and --- was inserted;

line 6, 'the' was changed to 'a'.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to show or fairly suggest a machine have two workpiece drives that receive workpieces from an exchanger, the drives have spindles that rotate about first axes which are perpendicular to swivel axes of the drives, and wherein the drives turn about a turning axis parallel to spindle rotation axes to carry out machining at a machining station.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eileen P. Morgan whose telephone number is 571.272.4488. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 7am-3:30pm EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Hail can be reached on 571.272.4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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